

HOUSE RESOLUTION 3

By Crider

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Milan High School Bulldogs Baseball Team on winning the 2004 Class AA State Championship.

WHEREAS, baseball has long been an important sport in the community of Milan, Tennessee; the Milan High School Baseball Team has contributed much to the enjoyment of Milan's citizens as they watched their team playing America's pastime; and

WHEREAS, the Milan High School team recently claimed the Class AA state championship at AutoZone Park in Memphis by beating Covington High School 5-0; it was Milan's first state championship in baseball and its second appearance in the title game since the team was runner-up in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the acumen and dedication of the Milan coaches led by Donny Joyner are without peer; the support of parents and fans provides positive reinforcement to the participants and teaches them valuable lessons of life, sportsmanship and fair play; and

WHEREAS, Milan High School has long been a leader in high school athletics and this year's baseball team admirably adds to the school's luster for their sport; and

WHEREAS, the Milan Bulldogs pitcher, Sophomore Jonathan White, improved to 14-2 in leading his team to their win; the Bulldogs sent ten batters to the plate in the second inning, scored four runs and acquired six hits; and

WHEREAS, Senior Brent Ramsey started Milan off the second inning with a single, followed by Daniel Beasley with another single and Chris Hughes drove home an RBI with yet another single; following the second out, the hits followed in succession, with Brennan Ward hitting a single for another RBI and Philip White scoring two more RBI's with his single; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Beasley ended his high school career going 3-for-4 in the championship game, with two doubles and one RBI and Brent Ramsey was 3-for-3 and

contributed a sacrifice bunt in the win; Jonathan White had ten strike outs for the night, all of which contributed to the complete game win; and

WHEREAS, the administration of Milan High School, along with all the students and faculty, strongly support the outstanding Milan baseball program; and

WHEREAS, under the expert and positive leadership of Head Coach Donny Joyner and the experienced and able leadership of his staff, the Bulldogs have gained the reputation of being one of the most outstanding high school teams in all of West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after achieving an incredible 41-3 record in their 2004 championship season, the 2004 Bulldogs have insured themselves of an indelible record in their school's athletic annals; and

WHEREAS, these young men displayed ability, character, teamwork and perseverance, and with the help of their coaches, parents, fellow students and supporters, singularly placed their school and their community on the State of Tennessee Baseball Map forever; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate the 2004 Milan High School Bulldogs Baseball Team on winning the Class AA State Championship and offer the team members and coaches our best wishes for every success and satisfaction in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.